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INDONESIAN DELEGATION ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE AT NOON
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BEGIN TEXT: STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BY H.E. EMBASSADOR M.
KHARIS SUHUD, HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE ICCS,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

IN COMMEMORATING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE
PARIS AGREEMENT AND OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ICCS, THE
INDONESIAN DELEGATION, CONSCIOUS OF HER SINCERE DESIRE TO CON-
TRIBUTE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN VIETNAM, WISHES TO REITERATE
HER CONSISTENT POSITION THAT THE ICCS SHOULD UNTIRINGLY
CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN ASSISTING BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO
END THE WAR AND RESTORE PEACE WHICH IS A PRECEQUISITE FOR SOLVING
THEIR PROBLEMS IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD.

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INDONESIA'S EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS CONFIRMED EVEN

MORE HER ANTICIPATION THAT THE TASK ENTRUSTED UPON HER SHOULDER AS A MEMBER OF THE ICCS IS NOT AN EASY ONE. FROM THE VERY OUTSET SHE REALIZED THAT THE VIETNAMESE CONFLICT CONSTITUTE A MAJOR PROBLEM WHOSE LONG AND PERSISTING EXISTENCE HAS BECOME AN IMMENSE COMPLEXITY WITH POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL ASPECTS. THE MORE SO, IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT IN PERFORMING ITS MISSION, THE ICCS REQUIRES THE GOODWILL, SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION VIEWS THE FUTURE OF THE ICCS IN ENTERING ITS THIRD YEAR WITH A FEELING OF UNCERTAINTY DUE TO THE INABILITY OF THE ICCS IN DISCHARGING ITS MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE ARTICLES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS PROTOCOLS. MOREOVER, THE WORSENING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE CONFLICTING PARTIES LEAVE THE PROSPECT OF THE FUTURE SOLUTION OF THE VIETNAM PROBLEM STILL IN THE DARK.

IN VIEW OF THE DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN AND THEREFORE CHERISHES THE HOPE FOR THE SPEEDY IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION. IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION THAT THIS IMPROVED SITUATION COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH SERIOUS AND SINCERE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, THUS CREATING A BETTER CONDITION WHEREBY THE SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SECURITY OF ALL ICCS PERSONNEL COULD BE GUARANTEED. THIS CONDITION WILL CERTAINLY BE CONDUCIVE TO THE EFFECTIVE DISCHARGE OF THE DUTIES OF THE ICCS.

THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION IN THE PROCEEDING OF THE ICCS ON VARIOUS MATTERS IN THE LIGHT OF HER CONVICTION THAT IT CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN VIETNAM THROUGH EFFORTS MADE IN LINE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INDONESIA'S ACTIVE AND INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AIMED AT ACHIEVING A STABLE AND TRANQUIL WORLD ORDER.

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